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PROYECTO VALLE DE NACO

Date 26 April 94

Substance Stone, ground

Lot Number: 175 F/07

Object Hacha

Cat No.

Multiples? (a, b, c, etc.)

Cat by: J

175 F/07-1

no

Drawn by: J

Specimen Description:

Paste Group (censers + figurines):

Thickness 2.1 cm

Handle width

Form (censers):

Height 6.2 cm

Handle thickness

Width 4.4 cm

Diameter

Full

Verbal Description:

Whole hacha, broken in antiquity and reworked at least once, possibly more. The butt end has at least 5 chips removed. One of these, the smallest, has polish around its margin, as do, in part, 2 others. There are also 5 facets on this end which are flat, but not smooth and definitely not glossy; rather, they feel "fuzzy" and have a whitish appearance. The stone appears light green-whitish in other non-polished areas, so this may be the natural color of the unpolished stone. I entertained the idea that the light areas on the butt were impurities, but they conform too well to the facets. The 2 small sides retain their polish except for a small patch on one, which feels different, and seems to be part of a facet band, or area of slightly different material, which has a chip or gouge on one of the larger surfaces, and a low, unpolished spot on the other side. The 2 broad sides are glossy, except for the flaws noted and near the blade. Near the blade the sides are smooth, but matte in finish and lighter in color. Could this be use wear? The blade has 1 large and ~~two~~ small chips taken out, with no sign of reuse or wear in these areas. There is also one chip or depression which is highly polished and glossy. What is left of

the edge itself is slightly flattened and lighter in color. Again I suspect crushing of the edge from use. So, I believe the edge was chipped and re-polished in antiquity. I do not see the point of the grinding on the butt: perhaps it isn't so much grinding to fix something as the result of use of the butt end as some kind of smoother or abrader or polisher.

